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## LETTERS

### On biologicals...

To the editor:

Your magazine is well-written and becoming more informative each month. I'm enjoying the reading during this frigid winter.

I might suggest some research and articles (unless you've written some already?) on the Japanese beetle grub problem and control with milky spore. I am having difficulty in getting accurate and substantial information about the biological control.

The New York area, especially Long Island, was hit fairly severely during the summer of 1989. Many of the materials like Dylox, Proxol and Turcam work, but residual action is not adequate to eliminate service calls. Triumph is not legal in New York, but appears to be the best material out thus far, and I'm sure—as you know—Oftanol has a poor track record here.

**Philip A. Raices**  
Lawn Gro Ltd.  
Hempstead, N.Y.

(Our November and December, 1989 issues contained a two-part series on biocontrols for the green industry. In addition, our annual *Insect Control Guide*, to appear in the April and May, 1990 issues, will address the problems you cite.—ED.)

### Old news?

To the editor:

I am writing in response to the "Jobtalk" section of the December issue.

First, the information contained on page 38 is over three years old and is no longer in any way accurate to the methods and procedures currently used by the industry. Nor does it represent my current position as to the use of tree growth regulators.

You must immediately notify your readers that the chemical company manu-

facturing the product should be contacted before using any growth regulators. Representatives of the chemical companies can provide current recommendations for the use of their products.

Secondly, I was not contacted and did not give permission for use of my name or my company's name in the article. The same situation exists for the current management of Union Electric Company.

Thirdly, before future publications, I recommend that your magazine: check the age and accuracy of the information to be printed and obtain written permission from companies and individuals you wish to quote.

**Paul A. Johnston**  
Environmental Consulting  
Southampton, Pa.  
**John Czaicki**  
Union Electric  
St. Louis, Mo.

(The piece was submitted by a writer for a public relations agency and was one year old—our time limit—when it was typeset for publication. The time lapse from its inception until the time it was submitted to us was undoubtedly also overlong. LM regrets these circumstances and will take steps to improve its communications with public relations agencies.—ED.)

### Differing opinion

To the editor:

This is just so you will know that someone is reading your editorials ("As I See It," December, 1989). Don't be terribly offended, but I just think your position is a little out of sync with reality.

Clearly, I empathize with your travel issues. I probably travel 5% of what you do, and don't especially like it a lot. However, it's your job, not mine.

My point is that the consolidation of trade shows  
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wasn't nor should it be done to serve the birthday schedules of the press. Suppliers, the second half of your editorial, will clearly benefit from the consolidation. However, the jury is still out on whether the customers (the reason there even is a trade show) will see an enhanced opportunity. Probably...but I think it's a 50-50 bet right now.

Several years ago, I encouraged you to use your space to take a position. I didn't mean to air your personal grievances.

**Jerome R. Faulring**  
HydroLawn  
Gaithersburg, Md.

(Thanks for your comments, Jerry. The position, however, is clearly evident in the last sentences: "It's a win-win situation. And it's about time." We indeed hope the conference and show in November comes off without a hitch, and that both suppliers and landscape managers benefit.—ED.)

## EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

**19-26: Golf Course Superintendents' Association of America conference and trade show**, Orange County Convention/Civic Center, Orlando, Fla. Contact: GCSAA, 1617 St. Andrews Dr., Lawrence, KS 66046; (913) 841-2240.

**15-16: National Institute on Park and Grounds Management athletic turf management seminar**, Jacksonville, Fla. Contact: P.O. Box 1936, Appleton, WI 54913; (414) 733-2301.

**16-18: Florida Nursery Growers' Association spring trade show**, Jacksonville, Fla. Contact: FNGA, 5401 Kirkman Rd., Suite 650, Orlando, FL 32819; (407) 345-8137.

**19-20: International Society**

**of Arboriculture Pennsylvania-Delaware Chapter shade tree symposium**, Hershey, Pa. Contact: Sara Pilling, 29 Garrett Ave., Rosemont, PA 19010; (215) 525-7331.

**22-24: Midwest Regional Turf Conference and Trade Show**, Indianapolis, Ind. Contact: Clark Throssell or Jeff Lefton, Dept. of Agronomy, Purdue University, W. Lafayette, IN 47097; (317) 494-8039.

**23: Geogrid Soil Reinforcement Symposium**, Radisson University Hotel, Minneapolis, Minn. Contact: Sheila Bailey, Conwed Corp., (612) 631-5727.

**23-24: Professional Landscape Conference and Trade Show**, Atlanta, Ga. Contact: Bob Ragsdale, extension conference specialist, (912) 386-3416; or

Sherry Phillips, admin.sec., (404) 492-4667.

**24: Long Island Tree Conference**, State University of New York, Farmingdale. Contact: Long Island Arboricultural Association, Box 69, Holtsville, NY 11742; (516) 698-3366.

**24-25: Tampa Bay Horticultural Trade Show**, Florida State Fairgrounds, Tampa, Fla. Contact: Bette S. Walker, 6804-C Gunn Hwy., Tampa, FL 33625; (813) 920-4393.

### MARCH

**6: Southeast Sports Turf Institute**, Citrus Bowl, Orlando, Fla. Contact: Sports Turf Managers Association, 400 North Mountain Ave., Suite 301, Upland, CA 91786; (714) 981-9199.



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